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Title: Pool Table Slate Lifter

Docket No.: 31193-UT

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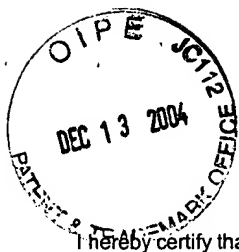
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Applicant : Kerry Rhodes
Filed : October 12, 2001
Title : POOL TABLE SLATE LIFTER
TC/A.U. : 3723
Examiner : Robert C. Watson

Docket No. : 31193-UT
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UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116(a)**

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Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this
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Remarks begin on page 22 of this paper.